

## SENATE RESOLUTION 201

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Warren Carps for meritorious service.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal safety and concerns to ensure our individual and collective freedom, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, thousands of individuals have continued this time-honored tradition of volunteerism through service in the Merchant Marines; and

WHEREAS, Warren Carps served with courage and gallantry and deserves proper recognition for his heroism as a member of the Merchant Marines; and

WHEREAS, a native of North Dakota, he served with great bravery and ability from 1942 until 1946 aboard the ships that delivered crucial fuel, food, and supplies to the Allied and United States forces during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Carps and his fellow sailors were under the constant threat of attack from German submarines; between 1940 and 1945, 820 Merchant Marine ships were sunk; and

WHEREAS, six months after he entered the service, his ship, the *SS Robert E. Lee*, was attacked and felled on July 30, 1942, in the Gulf of Mexico on its voyage from Trinidad to New Orleans, Louisiana, resulting in the deaths of twenty-five men; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Carps, aboard the *SS Walter Q. Gresham* on March 19, 1943, again valiantly endured the tribulations of an assault that sunk his ship in the frigid North Sea waters 625 miles off the coast of Ireland, forcing him and his fellow mariners to await rescue by a British convoy escort vessel; in that attack, twenty-two of his shipmates lost their lives; and

WHEREAS, following his service during World War II, he further distinguished himself by laboring with probity for the duration of nineteen years on behalf of the Chrysler Corporation; and

WHEREAS; Mr. Carps is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife Bea, herself an exceptional citizen and United States Navy veteran; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Carps performed his duties with the utmost skill, dedication, and professionalism; his service can only be categorized as the outstanding effort of a true American hero; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and commend Mr. Warren Carps for his meritorious service in the United States Merchant Marines and offer our thanks for a difficult job well done and a lifetime of commitment to the illustrious ideals of the United States of America.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.